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1. Spanish Government-in-exile discontented in France--A French Foreign Office official has told US Ambassador Caffery that the "Spanish Republican Government-in-exile" is dissatisfied with the French attitude toward General Franco and has hinted to the French Government that it may transfer its headquarters to Belgrade because "it is not afforded sufficient facilities to operate."

(CIA Comment: Because the present Government-in-exile contains no Communist representation, a move to Belgrade is unlikely at this time. Nevertheless, the "hint" is symptomatic of growing discouragement among the exiles over the possibility of sympathetic assistance from France and the other Western Powers.)

EUROPE

2. GREECE: Extensive guerrilla operations believed imminent--The US Military Attache in Athens, in a comprehensive analysis of Greek guerrilla capabilities and probable intentions, concludes that: (a) new guerrilla attacks may be expected in the near future because the guerrilla forces must take the offensive soon if they are to gain their immediate objectives (to create maximum Greek economic chaos and to establish control over an area which will become "Free Greece") before US aid and reorganization of Greek military forces becomes fully effective; (b) present guerrilla dispositions indicate that attacks on the scale of the recent Konitsa battle are most likely to occur in the border regions of the Grammos Mountains and northwestern Greece, or Thrace; (c) widespread local attacks, designed to demoralize the people and create confusion, will continue in other areas; (d) present guerrilla strength

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now consists of approximately 20,000 men and may be increased to 28,000 by 1 March; and (e) the guerrilla forces are becoming increasingly well-organized into divisions and brigades and will soon be equipped with mounts in artillery but probably not with tanks or aircraft.

The MA believes that despite increased guerrilla strength the expected attacks can be contained by the Greek Army and Air Force unless the guerrillas receive open foreign assistance. The MA considers, however, that if the guerrillas can successfully seize and hold border territory, Satellite recognition of the Maroussi government may follow and that responsibility for holding the territory might then be turned over to "international brigades" or to adjacent Satellites.

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